Docket No.: 050049-0042

PATENT

TENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN THE UNIT

In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Hiroyuki TAKAHASHI, et al.

Confirmation Number: 4838

Application No.: 10/722,126

Group Art Unit: 1797

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Examiner: Dwayne K. Handy

For: REAGENT VESSEL CAP AND METHOD FOR COLLECTING REAGENT

STATUS INQUIRY

Mail Stop Status Inquiry Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on November 26, 2003. Since more than three and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 26, 2005 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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